8. Streamlining the Distribution System in regard to necessities of life, etc.

As reported by the Government of Punjab, a decision has been taken to give proprietary rights in rural evacuee lands to occupants subject to certain conditions. As regards other demands the Government of Punjab is seized of the matter.

(c) According to the facts reported by the Government of Punjab, it is not so.

(d) Does not arise in view of the answer to (c) above.

National Wage Policy

2506. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has boon made towards formulation of a national wage policy; and

(b) by when the policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The question of formulation of a national wage policy has been considered from time to time at various forums. The matter was discussed in the meeting of Group of State Labour Ministers on 23rd September. 1985 and the majority view was that it may not be feasible to formulate the national wage policy at this stage. In the Indian Labour Conference held on 25-26 November, 1985, it was decided that till such time a national minimum wage is feasible, it would be desirable to have a regional minimum wage in regard to which the Central Government may lay down the guidelines. These guidelines have been circulated in July, 1987.

Allocation of funds for wildlife protection in Madhya Pradesh

2507. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount earmarked for wildlife protection in Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Five year plan period; and

(b) what is the amount released so far for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Central Government funds for wildlife protection are not earmarked Statewise.

(b) Rs. 106.87 lakhs have been released so far by Government of India to Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period.

Social Forestry in Madhya Pradesh

2508. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the work on social forestry in Madhya Pradesh has almost come to a standstill because of lack of funds after the foreign aid given for this purpose was withdrawn;

(b) if so. whether the plantation target of each forest division under social fores try has been reduced to a few hundred acres per year as a result thereof; and

(c) whether any additional grants will be given for the aforesaid programme so that the important work of social forestry does not suffer in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) It is not true that the work on social forestry in Madhya Pradesh has come to a standstill because of lack of funds after the discontinuance of the externally aided social forestry project from the year 1987-88. Currently the social forestry works are being implemented in Madhya Pradesh from fund, provided under Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Schemes of NWDB and Rural Development Department and State Sector Schemes. The year-wise allocation of funds for afforestation

including social forestry in Madhya Pradesh in the last three years is as below:—

Year	Allocated funds for afforestation cvores)	Afforestation Achievements (ha.) (Rs. in
1985-86 J	32.35	1,75,050
	41.39	1,96,000
986-87	42.38 (Target)	2.00,000
1987-88		

(b) The information about the forest division-wise target is not maintained at the national level.

(c) The following new centrally sponsoredlcentral sector schemes are proposed to be introduced from the year 1988-89 and the State Government will get additional grants on submission of project proposals:

(i) Area oriented fuel wood/ Fodder Project

(ii) Margin Money Assistance.

Piilution caused by Public sector units

2509. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many of the Public sector units are amongst the worst pollution creating units of the country;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to reduce environmental pollution caused by these units to the barest minimum; and

(c) what is the number of public sector units against which complaints for creating pollution have so far been received and what action has been taken by Government in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Some Public Sector Units have not conformed to the prescribed standards for emission and effluents or discharge of environmental pollutants;

(b) The steps to control pollution caused by these units include the follow ing:—

(i) Minimal national standards for eleven types of industries have been evolved and Task Force j have been constituted to help the State Boards in enforcement of the standards;

(ii) Standards for emission or discharge of environmental pollutants have been prescribed for selected industries under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(iii) Polluting units are directed to instal pollution control devices within a specific time to comply with the prescribed standards.

(iv) Defaulting units are prosecuted.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

News-item regarding unauthorised drawal of compensation amount by November1984 riot victim

2510. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Statesman (New Delhi edition) of 4th November, 1987 regarding a family having drawn riot compensation amount for two of its members who did not die during the November, 1984 riot in Delhi;

(b) whether the Delhi Administration had taken any steps to investigate into the allegation;